Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they intend to raise the bund of Sankighatta Tank in Magadi Taluk ?

*A.*—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.— ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸದಿಂದ ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿದೆ ; ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA—The work will be taken up after the estimate is sanctioned.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವ ಸ್ಟೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಅಂದಾಜು? ಕಾರ್ಯರೂಪಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವಾಗ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟನ್ನು ಪುನರ್ವಿಮರ್ಶೆಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯರೂಪಕ್ಕೆತಂದು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಆದಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇಚ್ಛೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಇದು ಸುಮಾರು ಹತ್ತು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲದಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮುಂದಿದೆಯಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಎತ್ತರ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಅಪೇಕ್ಷೆ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ ; ಮಾನ್ಯಸದಸ್ಯರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಕೇಳಿಕೇಳಿ, ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವುದು ಬೇಡ ಎನ್ನಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. (ನಗು!)

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## SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

**Prohibiting beating of *tom-tom* at Devar Jeevanahalli, Bangalore North Taluk.**

*Q.*—1. Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI (Kolar Gold Fields—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the beating of tom-tom, melam, was discontinued by the Scheduled Caste in Devar Jeevanahalli, Bangalore North Taluk, for a number of years ;

(*b*) whether it was resumed by compulsion by the caste Hindus on the occasion of a festival on 9th October 1952 ;

(*c*) whether it has not wounded the feelings of the Scheduled Caste ;

(*d*) whether the Police has given an escort to the members who beat the tom-tom as a breach of peace was anticipated ;

(*e*) whether they intend to prohibit the beating of tom-tom in the future ;

(*j*) whether there was any representation from the Scheduled Caste, particularly at Devar Jeevanahalli, to prohibit the beating of tom-tom ?

*A.*—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(*a*) This practice is in vogue from time immemorial. It had not been discontinued at any time.

(*b*) No. It was voluntarily done.

(*c*) This is a matter of opinion.

(*d*) No escort was given to those who beat the tom-tom. Tbe Police were there to maintain law and Order as a precautionary measure in connection with the Maramma procession.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Is it not a fact that the Maramma procession which was scheduled to take place on 2nd October 1952 was stopped by the Police on account of the agitation against beating of tom-tom ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Government have no information.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Was license granted for the procession ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—There was a representation to prohibit tom-tom. Under such circumstances was it right on the part of Government to have granted the licence ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The licence was granted as per rules.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Has it come to the notice of Government that there was a public meeting at the said place on 19th October 1952 to decry the beating of tom-tom ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The licence was granted on 7th October 1952. But the function was over. The jatra took place on 9th October 1952.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—The function which was scheduled to have taken place on that particular day was stopped on account of agitations. Consequently, it was over on 9th October with a licence and police bandobust. Has it come to the notice of Government that there was a public meeting on 19th October 1952 to decry the beating of tom-tom ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes. Two Madras people by name Balasundram and Murugesh who have gone and settled there are creating trouble and they want to bring about a difference among the otherwise peace-loving people of that area.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Is it not a fact that they are domiciled Mysoreans ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—They have gone there very recently. They are creating trouble among the villagers.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—It is a matter of opinion, Sir. Anyhow, was that meeting prejudicial to the Police ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The meeting was not prejudicial to the Police but prejudical to the interests of the peace and order of that locality.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Is it not a fact that on account of that meeting three of the Scheduled Castes were severely assaulted on the following day and that one person was admitted to the Bowring Hospital ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There was some trouble, as I have already said, created by those people and there was a skirmish. Some fight took place where some people got injuries and a case has been registered in that connection.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Has it come to the notice of Government.....

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—May I raise a point of order ? If a case has been registered, I leave it to the Chair whether this does not come under the rule of *sub judice*.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member need not put supplementaries relating to the case.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Has it come to the notice of Government that one Police Jamedar Narayan and one Daffedar Anthony and another constable have joined hands with the monied people and harassed Scheduled Castes ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is a matter of evidence. The Hon'ble Minister need not answer.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Will the Government be pleased to set up an enquiry committee to go into the matter and find out what is true and give protection to Scheduled Castes from harassment ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I do not admit that the Scheduled Castes have been harassed. As a matter of fact the Scheduled Castes have been protected. In order to protect them the Police had to intervene. There is no need to set up a committee of enquiry.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDORAI.—Has it come to the notice of Government that the Police sent to protect Scheduled Castes are harassing them ?

(No answer).

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN (Ulsoor).—Is there any protection for beating tom-tom before mosques ?

(No answer.)

Mr. SPEAKER.—With regard to Question No. 217 by Sri B. V. Narayana Reddy which was taken up the other day, the Hon'ble Chief Minister was prepared to furnish the answer. In view of that I shall allow that question to be put again as a special case. The answer is printed and copies are distributed. He may put the question.

The Hon'ble Member is not present.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—I think the House is in possession of that question because it was put on the floor of the House the other day.